(i) The Centres in Patiala, Bangalore, Calcutta and Delhi are constantly giving Sports Medicine and Sports Sciences backup to National Campers and also to the trainees who are in various SAI Schemes. Trained Doctors and Scientists working in centres are monitoring the health and fitness to sports-persons.

(ii) Doctors and Scientists working at various Centres have been given exposure in their respective areas by sending them abroad for training programmes.

(iii) Sports Physiotherapy is also an integral part of Sports Medicine backup. Presently the Sports Masseurs have been brought from abroad at short contract for providing masseurs backup to sports-persons.

(iv) In order to attract young talent to Sports Medicine & Sports, 32 Sports Sciences Research Fellowships are offered in various areas. At present 23 Research Fellows are working at SAI Centres at Bangalore, Patiala, Calcutta and Delhi on various project.

(v) In collaboation with Patiala Medical College, a two-year PG Diploma in Sports Medicine is being conducted at Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports (NS NIS), Patiala since 1986. There are 6 seats every yar for which MBBS Doctors could apply.

(vi) Dope Control is a mandatory requirement of Sports Medicine backup. A Dope Control Centre (DCC) with ISO 9001-2000 and ISO 17025:1999 certification is functioning at JN Stadium, New Delhi. An application has been moved to World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) for its permanent accreditation.

Sports Medicine is relatively a recent speciality, which has come into being in the world of medicine. The Asian countries are gradually catching up with the other development nations in the field of Sports Medicine.

Preparations regarding 2010 Commonwealth Games

690. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been selected to host the 2010 Commonwealth Games and if so, whether India has started work on the preliminaries;

(b) whether it is a fact that two parallel committees have been set up by the Government of India and the Indian Olympic Association in regard to conduct of the 2010 Commonwealth Games; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to eliminate overlapping of efforts connected therewith?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT):(a)Yes,Sir.

(b) and (c)As per the Bid Document presented before the Commonwealth Games Federation, an Organising Committee has to be registered. So far, the Organising Committee has not been registered. In the meantime, a Core Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted for coordinating the work relating to the organization of the Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi in 2010.

Districts devoid of sports stadia

691. SHRI HARISH RAWAT Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts in the country which do not have sports stadium and indoor stadium, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are assisting the State Governments in constructing sports stadium and indoor stadium in all such districts;

(c) if so, the details of assistance provided to Uttaranchal in this regard; and

(d) by when, the stadium and indoor stadium would be constructed in all the districts of this State?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT**):** (a) and (b) 'Sports' is a State subject. The information about the availability of stadia or otherwise, in each District is not being maintained, with the Government of India. However, Government of India implements a